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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.113, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents C1, C2, C4, C6, C8, C10-C15, and C17 are in English. English translations of foreign-language Documents C3, C5, C7, C9, and C16 are not readily available. Applicants have attached English-language Abstracts to Document C3, C5, and C7. Document C9 is an instruction manual for an AKTA car seat. Document C16 is an instruction manual for an Aprica car seat.

Documents C18-C25 are photographs of features of various car seats. Document C18 is photographs of an adjustable armrest of an Aprica car seat. Document C19 is photographs of an adjustable head hugger of a BeBe Comfort car seat. Document C20 is photographs of a Britax car seat, which has an adjustable backrest. Document C21 is photographs of an adjustable side bolster unit of a Concord car seat. Document C22 is photographs of an adjustable head hugger of a Fisher Price car seat. Document C23 is photographs of a seat base of a Jane car seat. Document C24 is photographs of a Century Next Step car seat, which has adjustable armrests. Document C25 is photographs of a Recaro car seat, which has an adjustable side bolster unit. Should the examiner desire, the photographs of these car seats could be discussed at a personal interview.

The instruction manuals of Documents C8-C12 and C14-C17, and the car seats shown in Documents C18-C25, were first publicly available at a date presently undetermined, but believed to be not later than the effective filing date of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

FEE

A fee in connection with submission of a supplemental information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c) in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(p) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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